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Book Review

Authorities On Reds Declare U.S. Must Abandon Compromise Ideas

"The New Frontier of War,"
by William R. Kintner and
Joseph Z. Kornfeder. Regnery,
Chicago. 382 pp, \$7.50

by EDWIN McDOWELL

The free world, to its sorrow,
has learned that men cannot dis-
pose of armed enemies by sim-
ply wishing that they were not
hostile, say the authors of this
brilliant
treatise on po-
litical warfare.

Reconciliation,
like war
or love, is a
process which
requires two
partners.
It cannot be ef-
fected by one
side alone.



But the free
world's enemy,
communism, is not interested in
reconciliation.

It is interested in conquering
the world, primarily through
political warfare which seeks to
induce the desire for surrender
by corroding the entire moral,
political and economic infra-
structure of a nation, particu-
larly by affecting governmental
decisions.

It is this, the modus operandi
of those who practice political
deception while preaching co-
existence, which the authors
skillfully examine.

Few writers are more quali-
fied to deal with such a subject.

PROFESSOR Kintner is one
of the West's leading authorities
on Soviet methods of political
warfare.

In addition to being deputy
director of the University of
Pennsylvania's famed Foreign
Policy Research Institute, he
has served in the CIA, the of-
fice of the Chief of Staff of the
Army, was a negotiator at
Panmunjom, and is now on the
faculty of the Command and
General Staff College.

Red metamorphosis through
Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin, ex-
plaining the prolonged interne-
cine power struggles, before
bringing Communist aggressions
up to date in Southeast Asia
and Cuba.

In one fascinating chapter
after another, the authors de-
scribe the unrelenting, multi-
faced Red program for world
conquest, a program incorporat-
ing agitation on behalf of na-
tionalization of industry, the use
of trade as a political and mili-
tary weapon and the attempt to
discredit the U.S. military—a
tactic patterned after the Red
drive to discredit and demoral-
ize the French armed forces be-
fore its eventual collapse in
1940.

In another important section,
the authors describe how news
from Russia, even from the re-
sponsible U.S. news media, is
largely Soviet propaganda, used
as instruments of the Krem-
lin's ideological penetration.

AND THEY explain the Sino-
Soviet split (it's real, they ac-
knowledge, but no cause for op-
timism by the West), acknowl-
edge the transformation of the
Soviet Union since Stalin's death
("but they have not altered the
totalitarian character of the So-
viet state or downgraded politi-
cal warfare as a prime instru-
ment of Soviet policy") and ex-
plain the Cuba question in de-
tail (concluding, "It is time that

we look upon Castro as an in-
viting target within easy
range").

But the burden of their book
is that the West cannot win,
or even survive, without a polit-
ical counteroffensive whose first
condition is a determination to
fight to win, eventually to de-
stroy communism.

To do that, they say, we must
abandon once and for all the
"notion of lasting compromise,
accommodation or coming to
terms with present-day commu-
nism."

Instead, we seem to have
taken the opposite approach. As
Soviet power has grown and as
the announced determination of
the Red leaders to destroy us
has been repeated with increas-
ed frequency, the authors note,
the U.S. government has pro-
gressively modified its policies
toward the Soviet bloc from
those aiming at eliminating the
power of the Communist Party
within the Soviet Union to one,